

## sos2tf

Convert digital filter second-order section data to transfer function form

### Syntax

```
[b,a]=sos2tf(sos)  
[b,a] = sos2tf(sos,g)
```

### Description

`sos2tf` converts a second-order section representation of a given digital filter to an equivalent transfer function representation.

`[b,a] = sos2tf(sos)` returns the numerator coefficients `b` and denominator coefficients `a` of the transfer function that describes a discrete-time system given by `sos` in second-order section form. The second-order section format of  $H(z)$  is given by

$$H(z) = \prod_{k=1}^L H_k(z) = \prod_{k=1}^L \frac{b_{0k} + b_{1k}z^{-1} + b_{2k}z^{-2}}{1 + a_{1k}z^{-1} + a_{2k}z^{-2}}$$

`sos` is an  $L$ -by-6 matrix that contains the coefficients of each second-order section stored in its rows.

$$\text{sos} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{01} & b_{11} & b_{21} & 1 & a_{11} & a_{21} \\ b_{02} & b_{12} & b_{22} & 1 & a_{12} & a_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{0L} & b_{1L} & b_{2L} & 1 & a_{1L} & a_{2L} \end{bmatrix}$$

Row vectors `b` and `a` contain the numerator and denominator coefficients of  $H(z)$  stored in descending powers of  $z$ .

$$H(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_1 + b_2z^{-1} + \dots + b_{n+1}z^{-n}}{a_1 + a_2z^{-1} + \dots + a_{m+1}z^{-m}}$$

`[b,a] = sos2tf(sos,g)` returns the transfer function that describes a discrete-time system given by `sos` in second-order section form with gain `g`.

$$H(z) = g \prod_{k=1}^L H_k(z)$$

### Examples

Compute the transfer function representation of a simple second-order section system:

```
sos = [1 1 1 1 0 -1; -2 3 1 1 10 1];  
[b,a] = sos2tf(sos)
```

```
b =  
    -2     1     2     4     1  
a =  
     1    10     0    -10    -1
```

## Algorithms

`sos2tf` uses the [conv](#) function to multiply all of the numerator and denominator second-order polynomials together. For higher order filters (possibly starting as low as order 8), numerical problems due to roundoff errors may occur when forming the transfer function.

## See Also

[latc2tf](#) | [sos2ss](#) | [sos2zp](#) | [ss2tf](#) | [tf2sos](#) | [zp2tf](#)

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